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R277. Education Administration.

[R277-479. Expenditure of Appropriation for District Services. R277-479-1. Definitions.

- A. "Board" means the Utah State Board of Education.
- B. "District Services" means the following programs: Regional Service Centers, Contingency Fund, Reading Improvement Scholarship Program, and Board Staff Development Funding.
- C. "Regional Service Centers" means the four area centers designated to serve school districts in cooperative projects such as purchasing, media services, in-service, and special education. These centers service small and rural districts or both in the northeast, southeast, southwest, and central areas of Utah.
 - D. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.

R277-479-2. Authority and Purpose.

- A. This rule is authorized by Article X, Section 3 of the Utah Constitution, which places general control and supervision of the public schools under the Board, Section 53A-1-402(1)(f) which directs the Board to adopt rules regarding the minimum school program, and Section 53A-1-401(3) which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.
- B. The purpose of this rule is to specify the amount of funds to be spent by the USOE for the programs designated as District Services.

R277-479-3. Regional Service Centers.

- A. The USOE shall designate a sum from the amount appropriated for District Services for the Regional Service Centers.
- B. Each Regional Service Center shall receive an equal amount of the total funds allocated by the USOE.
- C. Funds shall be distributed to an agent district designated by each Regional Service Center.
- D. Regional Service Centers shall follow accounting and reporting procedures established by the Board.

R277-479-4. Contingency Fund.

- A. The USOE shall designate a sum from the amount appropriated for District Services as a contingency fund for any or all of the following:
 - (1) to stabilize the value of the weighted pupil unit;
- (2) to maintain program levels in districts that may experience unanticipated and unforeseen losses of students;
- (3) to equalize programs in districts where a strict application of the law provides inequity;
- (4) to pay the added costs when Utah students attend school out of state;

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- (5) to assist in the operation of the laboratory school at Utah State University, through the allocation of monies for a teacher career ladder program at the school; or
 - (6) other uses as approved by the Board.

R277-479-5. Reading Improvement Scholarship Program.

The USOE shall designate a sum from the amount appropriated for District Services to implement the Reading Improvement Scholarship Program as outlined in R277-476, Incentives for Elementary Reading Program.

R277-479-6. Staff Development.

- A. The USOE shall designate a sum from the amount appropriated for District Services for Staff Development for school teachers, including instruction in methods which incorporate the Core Curriculum, with emphasis on language arts/reading, mathematics, science, and other areas, the use of technology as an instructional tool, and the development of teacher skills in the use of new assessment tools that demonstrate student competency.
- B. The office shall use the appropriation to improve access to schooling for all students by training teachers to provide a personalized education plan to meet the needs of each child.

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